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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC EAIR MOPS MILI VS

SUBJECT: AIR VIET-NAM CRASH NEAR PLEIKU

REF: A. SAIGON 2777 B. VIENTIANE 1760 C. VIENTIANE 1769

D. SAIGON 2814

1. PARA 4 REF A APPEARS TO BE INCORRECT. WE HAVE RECEIVED LATER WORD FROM CONGEN NHA TRANG THAT AN ARVN COMPANY WAS DISPATCHED TO THE CRASH SITE BUT DID NOT REPEAT NOT REACH IT. THE COMPANY RETURNED TO ITS HQ REPORTING IT COULD NOT FIND THE SITE.

2. AIR AMERICA PILOT CIRCLED THE CRASH SITE EARLIER TODAY AT ALTITUDE OF ONE HUNDRED FEET DURING WHICH HE DREW GROUND FIRE. PILOT REPORTED HE COULD SEE ABOUT HALF OF AN AIRPLANE, AND FROM THE GENERAL VIEW DEEMED IT PROBABLE THERE NO SURVIVORS. HE SAID SURROUNDING FOLIAGE DID NOT APPEAR CUT, LEADING HIM TO BELIEVE THAT THE PLANE PLUMMETED INTO THE HILLSIDE. PILOT ALSO SAW EVIDENCE OF A FIRE.

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3. JUST PRIOR TO THE CRASH THE THANH AN DEPUTY DISTRICT CHIEF AND AN ARVN OFFICER REPORTEDLY SAW THE PLANE FLYING AT APPROXIMATELY

1500 FEET AND THEN SAW A SMALL EXPLOSION. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AIR VIET-NAM IN SAIGON THAT THE PILOT OF THE AIR VIET-NAM FLIGHT HAD ASKED PLEIKU TOWER FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY LANDING. THAT WAS THE LAST WORD FROM THE PLANE. AIR VIET-NAM HAS NO INDICATION AS TO WHY THE EMERGENCY LANDING REQUEST WAS MADE.

4. FOR SPS: MRS DOLAN'S HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 301-229-8655, AND MRS SEIDLE'S IS 312-587-9247.

5. RE PARA 2, REFTEL A, CLARIFICATION OF PASSENGER LIST INDICATES 19 PASSENGERS.
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